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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2001

TO: Thomas L. Koontz, Director  
Office of Initial Patent Examination

FROM: Christina Tartera  
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SUBJECT: Application No. 09/637,266

A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was filed on December 7, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 7, 2000, the date of deposit of the items noted as omitted in the "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" mailed October 2, 2000.

In accordance with the procedure set forth in "Changes Relating To An Application Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53," page 11 (copy enclosed), the application is being returned to OIPE for issuance of a new filing receipt indicating a filing date of December 7, 2000, and for reprocessing using the copy of Figures 2B and 8 supplied on December 7, 2000.

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**CHANGES  
RELATING TO AN  
APPLICATION FILING  
DATE UNDER  
37 CFR 1.53**

**JULY 22, 1996**

2. Determine type of response filed.
  - a. Response is petition under 37 CFR 1.53(c) asserting that items noted as lacking in the Notice of Omitted Items were present when application was deposited in PTO -- Send petition and application to Patent Legal Administration for decision. **NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.** (Sample petition at Figure 1, page 12).
  - b. Response is petition under 37 CFR 1.182 containing omitted items and requesting filing date as of date of deposit of omitted items -- grant petition and process application with filing date as of the date of deposit of omitted items. (Sample petition at Figure 2, page 13).

**NOTE: Grant of petition is indicated by new Filing Receipt mailed to applicant.**

- c. Response is petition containing omitted items but requests earlier filing date or argues that Notice of Omitted Items is in error -- treat as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(c) (see 1 above).